

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1583

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. CAO, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. FLEMING) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

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gress' commitment to restore and renew the Gulf Coast region.

Whereas, on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita made landfall just east of the Texas-Louisiana border, between Sabine Pass and Johnson's Bayou, as a Category 3 hurricane with wind speeds of 120 mph and further devastated the Gulf Coast;

Whereas Hurricane Rita caused 7 deaths, forced 3,000,000 residents to evacuate their homes, left 1,000,000 people without electricity according to the National Climatic Data Center, and caused flooding and tornadoes in the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama;

Whereas damages from Hurricane Rita are estimated at \$11,300,000,000;

Whereas in 2005, Hurricane Rita was the second hurricane to reach Category 5 status in the Gulf of Mexico and only the third time more than one Category 5 storm had formed in the Atlantic in the same year according to the National Climatic Data Center;

Whereas the storm surge from Hurricane Rita was as high as 15 feet near the landfall site and according to the U.S. Geological Survey, traveled as far as 50 miles inland causing disastrous flooding and massive loss of property;

Whereas tens of thousands of homes and businesses in Louisiana and Texas were destroyed by the flooding; and

Whereas the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wetlands Center indicates that 217 square miles of Louisiana's coastal lands were transformed to water after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) expresses its support to the victims of Hur-
2 ricane Rita;

3 (2) commends the courageous efforts of those
4 who assisted in the recovery progress;

5 (3) recognizes the contributions of the commu-
6 nities in Louisiana and Texas to the United States;
7 and

8 (4) reaffirms its commitment to rebuild, renew,
9 and restore the Gulf Coast region.

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